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SPACES MAKING SHIBE PARK READY

Groundkeeper Spent Monday Mopping Up the Outfield—Sun Shining For First Time in a Week—Good Prospects For Game—Experts Pick Bender and Mathewson to Pitch.

Philadelphia, Oct. 23.—After having been postponed for the fifth time, there is every indication tonight that the fourth game of the world's championship series between the New York Giants and the Athletics will be played tomorrow afternoon at Shibe park.

Bright Sun and Drying Wind.

The sun, which made its first appearance in this city since Monday, October 16, shone brightly all day, and aided by a northwest breeze put the playing field into fairly good condition. The diamond is in far better shape than the outfield, but a liberal use of huge sponges by a score of men under the supervision of Grounds Keeper Schroeder cleared the outfield of the numerous rivulets.

By 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon if the sun shines brightly up to that time it is thought that the outfield will be in practically normal condition.

Both teams took advantage of the pleasant weather to prepare for what is thought will be one of the most bitterly fought games of the series.

Baker Keeps Up Home Run Hitting.

Manager Mack had his men on the diamond at Shibe park for full two hours. The greater part of the time was devoted to batting practice. With Danforth, Martin and Coombs pitching, the players took their regular turns at batting, and sent the ball to all corners of the field. Baker, the sensation of the two games thus far won by the Athletics, did the best batting. In five successive turns at bat he thrice drove the ball into the enclosure between the temporary low wooden fence and the right field wall, and later he sent the ball over the right field fence. Oldring, who had been absent attending his sister's funeral, took part in the practice and will be in the game tomorrow.

Baseball Returns This Afternoon at 2 o'clock at The Bulletin Office.

While the rest of the world's champions are polishing up their batting eyes, Bender and Plank were warming up, with Thomas and Lapp as catchers. Both the Indian and the big left-hander had plenty of speed, and judging from today's programme the selection of the man to face the Giants tomorrow will be one of the two. The Athletics, however, will not admit either Bender or Plank will go in. When the batting practice was nearly over, Mack sent Coombs in to pitch to Lapp, his battery mate. Coombs' speed was wonderful, and as it is known that he is anxious again to face the New Yorkers it could not be surprising if Mack sent him in in an endeavor to have him repeat his brilliant programme at the Polo Grounds last Tuesday.

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Giants Regain Batting Eye.

While the Athletics were going through the limbering up process, Manager McGraw had his men out for a lengthy practice at the National league grounds. He followed practically the same course adopted by the Athletics manager, with Ames, Crandall and Witte using an assortment of dry curves, the New York players got in

some excellent batting practice. It they hit the ball tomorrow as they did today it will give the local "rooters" many a fright.

Marquard's Form Tickles McGraw.

While the visitors were driving the ball to all corners of the big lot, Mathewson and Marquard were warming up with Chief Meyers. Both seemed to be in splendid shape. Mathewson, as usual, did not use all his speed, but occasionally he would shoot a fast one over, just to show Manager McGraw that his arm is in perfect condition. Marquard had a world of speed and when he exerted himself he made Manager McGraw smile.

Picking Bender and Mathewson.

While neither manager would state positively who would be their pitching selections for the fourth game, it is reasonably sure that Bender and Mathewson will again face each other.

Local Weather Indications are for a crisp day.

Belmont Will Stay in Racing Game.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 23.—August Belmont, chairman of the New York Jockey club, today denied reports originating in New York and London that he intended to quit racing in America and ship his horses to England, or France and start breeding establishments.

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Mike Murphy is convinced that the forward pass is poor football. "The point," says Murphy, "is that it is a violation of the elementary principles of football. It never was or is to be anything but a haphazard play, and it disorganizes any team's defense. I have always contended that what football spectators like to see is anything but a haphazard play, a series of well executed plays, cleverly designed and operated. The basketball feature, in which the ball is thrown all over the field and passes back and forth from one team to another is certainly not good football. I would like to see a return to some of the principles of the old game."

PUNTS AND PASSES.

Whether there is the making of a championship team at Cambridge this fall will undoubtedly be shown Saturday.

Adams, an end, is the only Brown man to come out of the team scrap with any injury and his trouble is with a sprained finger, something that will not keep him out of anything.

Harvard's victory over Amherst on Saturday was rather disappointing. Of course the Crimson team was minus two of its strongest assets in Captain Fisher and Bob Potter.

Brown's great ambition is to defeat Penn. Harvard and Yale all in a season. Last year they beat Yale; they have already beaten Penn this year, and are now after Harvard's scalp.

Princeton, which is not creating much of a stir in the gridiron world this season, was also handed a surprise on Saturday, when the cotton mill fell to the Young Kickers of Annapolis.

Felton and Hollister played most of the game as Harvard's ends. Felton was used to do most of the kicking and his punts had good distance for so heavy a ball. Hollister, who played in "Bud" Smith's place, was the one Harvard lineman who showed real fight.

Yale men remember that Jim Hogan's famous eleven six years ago lost to the Army yet turned and defeated both Harvard and Princeton.

To begin with says Paul Withington in criticizing the Harvard eleven, there was none of that consistent hard charge in the line which drove Williams back a week ago. The line-men, instead, played high and allowed Amherst to get under them. This was particularly true in the play of the guards when on the defensive, with the result that several times the Amherst forwards carried the Harvard line back four or five yards.

Callahan Next Manager.

Left Fielder Will Direct the Chicago Americans for 1912.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—James J. Callahan, who played in left field for the Chicago American league baseball club last season, will manage the club next year. Rumors to that effect were admitted to be true by Charles Comiskey, president of the club.

Hugh Duffy, who managed the team this year, declined to renew his contract.

DAY OF REST FOR YALE ELEVEN

Blue Will Not Be Pointed for the Game with Brown.

New Haven, Oct. 23.—The Yale varsity eleven will give a complete rest today, to recover from the game Saturday with West Point. Tomorrow there will be a long scrimmage and every effort will be put forth to get the team in shape for the game with Brown on November 11. The game with Colgate on Saturday is not worrying the coaches and a good sized score is looked for. Rumors that Captain Howe would be unable to play this week are without foundation and he is expected to be on the field tomorrow. Today the freshmen were coached by Foster Sanford and the third and fourth elevens put through a short scrimmage.

Dartmouth's Novel Training Table.

Hanover, N. H., Oct. 23.—Dartmouth starts its training table this week with five men. A new policy in regard to a training table will be inaugurated by Coach Cavanaugh. In past years the table has started after the first game with 11 men, but this year it has been delayed to make the score of a man at the table a mark of efficiency.

Certain men will be placed at the table however for physical reasons and there will probably be men not at the table who are better football players than some of the men at it. It is Coach Cavanaugh's idea to make selections for two reasons, first to recognize good work and second to better develop some of the men. Dr. Bowler will be in charge of the table diet.

Dooins Hands It to Baker.

Says Manager Dooling of the Phillies: "To say Frank Baker made his terrible drive off a man who has hit in is a shame. Baker, about the nerviest batter I ever saw, and I have looked at a few. When a man can stand up in the ninth inning, facing one of the world's greatest pitchers, with practically the championship of nations depending on it, and be cool enough to pick out a little five-inch sphere with three-inch bat for a home run, especially on the enemy's grounds, he is a wonder, and you can't take it from him."